



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OVERVIEW

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Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Community Affairs is the state's land planning and community development agency. The department seeks to ensure that new growth complies with the state's growth management laws, assist established communities in revitalizing their older neighborhoods, and plan for and responds to both natural and man-made disasters.

Agency Organization

The department is organized into three divisions.

- **The Division of Community Planning** is responsible for administering state growth management programs. These include the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Program, which reviews local comprehensive plans and plan amendments for compliance with Florida's Growth Management Act, and the Development of Regional Impact Program, which reviews large scale developments that would have a substantial effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of more than one county. The division also administers the Areas of Critical State Concern Program, which protects resources of major statewide significance. Designated Areas of Critical State Concern are the City of Apalachicola, the City of Key West and the Florida Keys, the Green Swamp and the Big Cypress Swamp.
- **The Division of Housing and Community Development** administers state and federal programs designed to provide community and economic development assistance to agencies at the local level. The division coordinates state and federal grants to Florida's communities. The division also staffs the

Florida Building Commission, which implements and regulates the unified statewide code for all buildings and structures in Florida. The division also includes the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), which provides financial grants to help local governments acquire conservation and recreation lands, and working waterfronts.

- **The Division of Emergency Management** is responsible for ensuring that Florida is prepared to respond to and recover from natural and man-made emergencies and seeks to mitigate their effects. The division is a separate budget entity and is not subject to the department's control, supervision, or direction. However, the department is responsible for providing the division with finance and accounting, budgeting, personnel, purchasing, legal, inspector general, and information technology services.¹

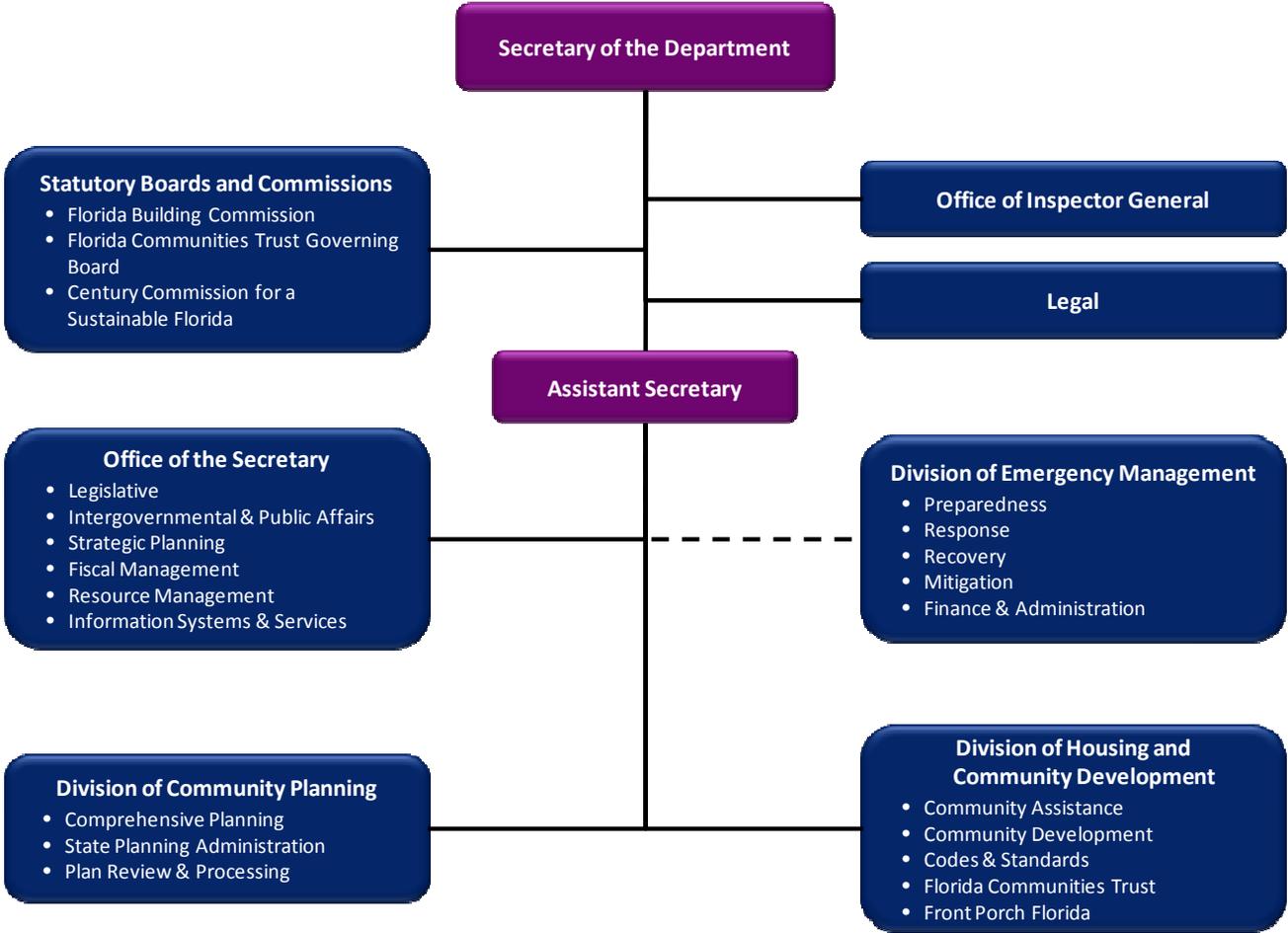
The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is also located within the department. The corporation works to increase the supply of safe affordable housing by stimulating investment of private capital and by encouraging public and private sector housing partnerships. The corporation is a separate budget entity and is not subject to the department's control, supervision, or direction.²

For a chart of the department's organization, see Exhibit 1.

¹ More information on the division's activities is provided in a separate OPPAGA Sunset Memo.

² More information on the corporation's activities is provided in a separate OPPAGA Sunset Memo.

Exhibit 1
The Department of Community Affairs' Organization and Programs



Source: Department of Community Affairs.

Agency Resources

As shown in Exhibit 2, the Legislature appropriated \$179,205,646 and 214 full-time equivalent positions to the department for Fiscal Year 2008-09. This represented an 8.6%

decrease in funding and a 7% decrease in positions compared to the previous fiscal year.

For more details on the department's resources for Fiscal Year 2008-09, see Exhibit 3.

Exhibit 2

Legislative Appropriations and Staffing for the Department of Community Affairs¹

	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
General Revenue	\$ 19,619,297	\$ 15,543,126	\$ 6,301,680
Trust Funds	279,440,960	180,434,279	172,903,966
Total Funds	\$ 299,060,257	\$195,977,405	\$179,205,646
FTE	226	230	214
OPS	29	31	24

¹ Does not include appropriations and staffing information for the Division of Emergency Management or the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Source: Department of Community Affairs.

Exhibit 3

Department of Community Affairs Resources by Program for Fiscal Year 2008-09¹

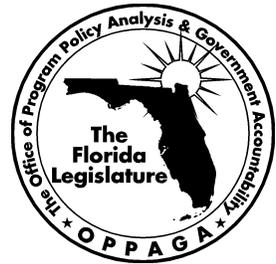
Program	Federal Funds	State Trust Funds	General Revenue	TOTAL	FTE Positions	OPS Positions
Office of the Secretary						
Legislative	\$0	\$37,296	\$54,971	\$92,267	1	0
Intergovernmental and Public Affairs	0	330,948	117,457	448,405	5	0
Strategic Planning	0	53,376	56,974	110,350	1	0
Fiscal and Resource Management	0	2,385,791	381,967	2,767,758	34	2
Information Systems & Services	0	993,002	69,897	1,062,899	11	1
Inspector General	0	664,758	97,171	761,929	8	0
Legal	0	983,754	654,846	1,638,600	14	0
Executive Office	0	261,956	236,179	498,135	4	0
Subtotal	\$0	\$5,710,881	\$1,669,462	\$7,380,343	78	3
Division of Community Planning						
Comprehensive Planning	\$0	\$456,572	\$2,171,288	\$2,627,860	37	6
State Planning Administration	293,000	4,103,740	1,336,637	5,733,377	16	7
Plan Review and Processing	0	0	396,134	396,134	8	0
Subtotal	\$293,000	\$4,560,312	\$3,904,059	\$8,757,371	61	13
Division of Housing and Community Development						
Community Assistance	\$51,593,898	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$52,893,898	13	1
Community Development	37,069,732	0	607,984	37,677,716	27	6
Codes and Standards	0	3,358,513	0	3,358,513	17	0
Florida Communities Trust	0	67,267,630	0	67,267,630	16	0
Front Porch Florida	0	1,750,000	120,175	1,870,175	2	1
Subtotal	\$88,663,630	\$73,676,143	728,159	\$163,067,932	75	8
TOTAL	\$88,956,630	\$83,947,336	\$6,301,680	\$179,205,646	214	24

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The Florida Legislature

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability



The Florida Government Accountability Act Sunset Reviews

The 2006 Legislature passed the Florida Government Accountability Act (Ch. 2006-146, *Laws of Florida*) to create a Sunset review process. The act

- establishes the process, criteria, and schedule for the Legislature to assess whether state agencies and advisory committees need to continue to exist;
- provides for the creation of a Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee and describes the membership and organization of the committee and committee duties;
- requires reports and assistance from state agencies and the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Using these reports and other information, the Sunset Advisory Committee is to produce a report that includes recommendations to abolish, continue, or reorganize an agency or advisory committee under review.

Second Year Schedule for Agency Reviews

Agencies to be reviewed by July 1, 2010:

- (a) Department of Children and Family Services
- (b) Department of Community Affairs
- (c) Department of Management Services
- (d) Department of State

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